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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Tribal Welfare Department – Sri T.Koteswara Rao former HWO, Atchampeta(V&M), Guntur District (Retired) – Initiated disciplinary proceedings – Enquiry Officer Appointed – Enquiry Report submitted – Communicated to Charged Officer – Explanation submitted – Punishment proposed - Show-cause notice issued – Explanation Submitted – Examined – Rejected - Punishment of 5% cut in pension permanently – Orders – Issued.

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SOCIAL WELFARE (TW.SER.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.46 Dated:07.02.2023

Read the following:-

1. From the DG., ACB, Hyd., Lr.C.No.20/DES-VGT/2014, dt.24.12.2014.
2. Govt.Memo.No.511/TW.Ser.A1/2015, Dt.10.02.2015.
3. From the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur, Procgs. Rc.No.T1/31/2014, Dt.02.05.2015.
4. WSD from Sri T.Koteswara Rao, Hostel Welfare Officer, (Retd.) STBH, Atchampeta, dt.22.11.2015.
5. From the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur, Procgs. Rc.No.T1/31/2014, Dt.21.01.2016.
6. Representation from Sri T.Koteswara Rao, Hostel Welfare Officer, (Retd.)STBH, Atchampeta dt.14.08.2020.
7. From the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur, letter Rc.No.T1/31/2014, Dt.17.08.2020.
8. Govt.Memo.No.511/TW.Ser.A1/2015, Dt.21.01.2022
9. From Sri T.Koteswara Rao former HWO, Atchampeta(V&M), Guntur District (Now retired) dt.08.02.2022
10. Govt. letter .No.511/TW.Ser.A2/2015, dt.26.07.2022
11. Letter from APPSC, Vijayawada file No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/67/20222-DC.SEC-APPSC (Computer No.1812388) dt.21.09.2022

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O R D E R:

The ACB Surprise Check was conducted on the Government ST Hostel for Boys, Atchampeta V&M, Guntur District on 21.02.2014, wherein it has been noticed that certain irregularities found against Sri T. Koteswara Rao formerly HWO, Government ST Hostel for Boys, Atchampeta (V&M), Guntur District (Retired). Based on the recommendations of the D.G, ACB, the Government have requested the Director of Tribal Welfare, A.P. to initiate disciplinary proceedings against him in the reference 1st & 2nd read above.

2. The Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur has issued Articles of charges against the Delinquent Officer i.e. Sri Thokala Koteswara Rao HWO, ST Boys Hostel, Atchampeta, V & M Guntur District and communicated the same to him directing the Charged Officer to offer his written explanation within (10) days from the date of receipt of the Charges. Accordingly, the Delinquent Officer submitted his written explanation in the reference 3rd&4th read above.

3. After examining the Written Statement of Defence submitted by the Charged Officer, the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur has decided to proceed further in the matter. Accordingly, Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur in the reference 5th read above, appointed the Project Director, DRDA, Guntur as Inquiry Officer to conduct regular inquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer. The Inquiry Officer after conducting that the regular inquiry has submitted the Inquiry Report holding the charge proved against the Charged Officer in the reference 7th read above.

4. While communicating a copy of the Inquiry Officer's Report, Sri Thokala Koteswara Rao, HWO, ST Boys Hostel, Atchampeta, V & M Guntur District was requested to submit his representation if any. The Charged Officer in his

representation has reiterated the contents submitted by him earlier in his written statement of defence and requested to drop further action against him in the reference 7th read above.

5. Sri Thokala Koteswara Rao, HWO, ST Boys Hostel, Atchampeta, V & M Guntur District has informed that, the omissions/irregularities were rectified by remitting a challan for Rs.1,61,261/- vide challan No.40053734792020 dt.14.08.2020 and requested to drop further action against him as there was no monetary loss to the Government when he was on duty in the reference 6th read above.

6. Before disposal of case, Sri Thokala Koteswara Rao, HWO, ST Boys Hostel, Atchampeta, V&M Guntur District retired from service on 31.05.2020 after attaining the age of superannuation. Therefore, Government have decided to take further action under the statutory provisions of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Government have examined the matter carefully and proposed to impose a penalty of withholding of 5% pension for two (2) years against Sri Thokala Koteswara Rao, HWO, ST Boys Hostel, Atchampeta, V & M Guntur District (Retired) for the charge held proved against him under Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly a Show-Cause Notice was issued indicating the quantum of penalty being imposed Sri. Thokala Koteswara Rao, HWO, ST Boys Hostel, Atchampeta, V & M Guntur District (Retired) to submit his representation in the matter in the reference 8th read above.

8. Sri Thokala Koteswara Rao, HWO, ST Boys Hostel, Atchampeta, V & M Guntur District (Retired) has submitted his representation in the reference 9th read above. He has not submitted any new grounds to the Government in his explanation to consider or to reduce the punishment.

9. When consulted the APPSC as required under rules in force vide letter 10th read above. The APPSC have advised the Department to enhance the punishment to Five (5)% cut in pension permanently vide reference 11th read above.

10. The Government have examined the case in detail, taking in to consideration of the material on record, decided and hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% (Five Percent) cut in pension permanently against Sri Thokala Koteswara Rao, HWO, ST Boys Hostel, Atchampeta, V & M Guntur District (Retired).

11. The Director of Tribal Welfare, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KANTILAL DANDE
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Thokala Koteswara Rao, HWO, ST Boys Hostel, Atchampeta, V & M Guntur District (Retired) (through O/o the DTW, Vijayawada)
The Director of Tribal Welfare, Vijayawada
Copy to:-
The APVC, Velagapudi.
The ACB, Vijayawada
The Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur
SC/SF.

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SECTION OFFICER